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# Cityscene

A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



## DATELINE

**The Mayor and City Council are scheduled to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2013-14 after a public hearing at the May 1 special City Council meeting. Information: 703-385-7870.**

### **Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Amphitheater May 27**

Commemorate Memorial Day at the annual Memorial Day service at 9 a.m. May 27 at the Veterans Amphitheater (adjacent to City Hall). The event, organized by American Legion Post 177 and Blue & Gray VFW Post 8469, will include reading of the names of the fallen and the striking of the Navy bell.

### **City Government Offices Close May 27**

City government offices will be closed May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. The General District Court also will be closed. For information, call 703-385-7866.

The CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule; 703-385-7859.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open. For information, call 703-385-8414.

**Trash and recyclables will not be collected Monday, May 27.** Those with regular Monday (and Tuesday) service should place their items at the curb for collection on Tuesday, May 28. Information: 703-385-7837.

**If you're new to the city, welcome! Call 703-385-7800 for new resident information.**

## City and Fairfax Water Enter into Water Service Agreement

**T**he City of Fairfax, Fairfax Water, and Fairfax County agreed upon a framework under which all current city water customers will become retail customers of Fairfax Water.

This agreement will reduce rates for city water customers within three years, prevent capital expenditures for water treatment plant improvements, settle litigation between the parties and guarantee city utility workers at least three years of employment with Fairfax Water.

The framework, which was approved unanimously by the City Council, the Fairfax Water Board of Directors and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, is hailed as a "win-win" solution. The final agreement, expected in the near future, is subject to approval by all three bodies.

Within three years, city water cus-

tomers will see their rates reduced to the same rates as the then-current Fairfax Water customers — then will remain uniform for all Fairfax Water customers.

After receiving value for all assets, the city will pay \$20 million to buy into Fairfax Water's system. Fairfax Water will acquire all city-owned pipes, storage facilities and appurtenances needed to operate the water system. The city will sell all assets in Loudoun County to recover debt associated with the city's water system and pay the purchase price to Fairfax Water.

The anticipated switch-over to Fairfax Water is expected to occur in about six months. (No firm date has been established.)

For information, call 703-385-7920.



Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Continues Through May 6! [www.fairfaxspotlight.org](http://www.fairfaxspotlight.org), 703-352-ARTS.

## Parks and Rec Schedules Strategic Plan Meetings in May and June

Take one of the many opportunities to tell the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board what you think about city parks and services: public input is actively sought for the department's strategic master plan.

The department will hold four community workshops to collect information: 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 2 at Providence Elementary School, 6-8 p.m. May 3 at 10389 Main Street (across from Old Town Hall), 10 a.m. to noon June 22 at Green Acres Center and from 1-3 p.m. June 23 at

the Sherwood Community Center.

Stop by the multilingual website ([www.ourparksourfuture.com](http://www.ourparksourfuture.com)) for public participation, to watch an introductory video on the process and to complete a survey.

Keep an eye out for information about the upcoming survey.

A strategic master plan is a clear, concise and measurable set of goals, policies and objectives to provide direction of future development, redevelopment, and enhancement of the city parks system. For information, call 703-385-7858.



# NEWS & NOTES

## Real Estate Tax Bills Mailed

City of Fairfax real estate tax bills will be mailed in May. For information, call 703-385-7904.

Property owners who pay their real estate tax directly and do not receive a tax bill should call 703-385-7904.

Residents who receive a real estate tax bill and whose mortgage company escrows the payment should immediately forward the bill to their mortgage company.

Find out first! Find out fast!

Sign up for eMAS,  
the City of Fairfax electronic  
message alert system,  
on the  
city's website:  
[www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).

see the  
city's  
website!



## MSI Offers Free Gardening Series in May

The Mason Sustainability Institute, in conjunction with the city offers a series of gardening workshops at Green Acres Center:

- May 2: *Garden Planning and Edibles in Your Landscape*
- May 16: *Compost Happens!*
- May 30: *Gardening for Pollinators and Beneficial Insects*

Workshops are held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Green Acres Center. To register, visit [msi.gmu.edu/registration](http://msi.gmu.edu/registration) or call 703-385-7816.

## SafeAssured Kits Available by Appointment May 11

The City of Fairfax Police Department, with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax and the FBI's Washington Field Office Community Outreach Program, will prepare SafeAssured ID kits for children by appointment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 11 at the police station, 3730 Old Lee Highway. To make an appointment, call 703-273-2889.

The SafeAssured ID System provides parents with a full-color photo ID card and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, photo and video of the child, and vital personal information accessible only by law enforcement.

## Farmers Markets Begin May 11, 12

Two long-standing farmers markets begin in May (and continue through October) at the corner of West and Main streets in the city. For information, call 703-642-0128.

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

The Sunday Farmers Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

## University-Community Forum Set for May 15

Members of the Fairfax Community are invited to the University and Community Forum to be held at 7:30 p.m. May 15 at the City Hall Annex. For information, call 703-993-8846.

## Charter Commission Meeting Set for May 15

The City of Fairfax City Charter, adopted in 1961, currently is being reviewed by a seven-member commission. The Charter Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. May 15 in City Hall, Room 316.

The City Charter, which is Part I of the City Code, is available on the city's website, in the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library and in the City Manager's Office.

After conducting a review and receiving public input, the committee will submit recommendations to the City Council. For information, call 703-385-7936.

## Medicare 101 Workshop Offered May 16

New to Medicare, planning for retirement or still confused about benefits and options? Learn about Medicare at a free workshop at 7 p.m. May 16 at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street. For information, call 703-324-5205.

## Main Street Pit Stop Open on Bike to Work Day May 17

The city and Fairfax Mason to Metro Bicycle Task Group will provide a pit stop May 17 during Bike to Work Day. The pit stop will be open 6-9 a.m. May 17 at Main Street Marketplace, 10268 Main Street. For information, call 800-745-7433.

## Antique Car Show to be Held May 18

View antique cars — and see a Ford Model-T rebuilt in 15 minutes — at the Antique Car Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 18 at 10455 Armstrong Street (in front of City Hall). This area of Armstrong Street will be closed to traffic during the event.

The show is presented by Northern Virginia Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club, the Downtown Fairfax Coalition and the city. For information, call 703-273-6097.

## State Tax Holiday in Effect May 25-31

The commonwealth has established a tax holiday May 25-31 to help with hurricane and emergency preparedness equipment.

During this time, generators, inverters and inverter power cables costing \$1,000 or less, and other supplies costing \$60 or less — from bottled water to batteries to insulated lunch bags — will be exempt from state sales tax. For information, visit [www.tax.virginia.gov](http://www.tax.virginia.gov) or call (804) 367-8031.

## Clip and Save! In Case of Emergency...

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information

24-hour access, updates

City website

[www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov)

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television  
and city website

24-hour access, updates

eMAS message alert system

messages sent to subscribers  
via e-mail, pager, text and phone  
24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)

regular business hours

Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)

regular business hours

# Be Street Smart: Avoid Traffic/ Pedestrian/Bicycle Incidents

Those who walk, drive or ride in Fairfax always should travel with extra caution — and pay close attention to everyone else using the road.

The City of Fairfax Police Department advises all travelers to obey traffic laws and follow traffic signals and signs. Be aware of your surroundings and never proceed unless it is safe to do so, no matter what the signals indicate. Always wear safety gear: helmets, seat belts, proper clothing for the weather and time of day.

Don't enter an intersection or road if the signal is red, no matter how safe it appears to be. Watch signal patterns

carefully: "broken" lights may allow other vehicles or pedestrians to proceed first through the intersection.

Take your time and travel cautiously in bad weather. Arrive safely, even if that means walking the bike or traveling slower than the posted speed limit. Remember: CUE Buses travel in nearly all weather.

Stay visible in the dark, whether with reflective clothing for the walker or biker, or proper lights on vehicles in traffic. Make sure all equipment is functioning properly. For information, call 703-273-2889.

## National Flood Insurance Rate Changes May Affect City Residents

Since Congress passed the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, changes are being implemented to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), including possible rate changes that remove artificially low rates and discounts set nearly half a century years ago when the plan was implemented and grandfathered rates.

Owners of primary residences in special flood hazard areas (SFHA) may keep their subsidized rates until they sell the property, the policy lapses, the property suffers severe, repeated flood losses, or a new policy is purchased.

Subsidized rates for non-primary/secondary residences are being phased out now, and others will be eliminated over time, beginning later this year.

Increases will be gradual (20-25 percent, depending on the property), beginning with an annual rate increase until rates reflect true risk on non-primary/secondary residences, businesses and properties with severe, repeated losses.

This rate change affects about 20 percent of policy holders. City residents with NFIP should contact their insurance agent directly about this rate change.

### City Workers Volunteer for Spring Cleanup 2013



On April 27, about 30 City of Fairfax staff, friends and family cleaned one of headwater tributaries to Accotink Creek and nearby bike trail, removing 58 bags of trash and three tires. The Accotink Creek drains the largest watershed in Fairfax and has been specifically identified by the EPA for cleanup due to the pollution it contributes to the Chesapeake Bay. (Photos by Stefanie Kupka, City of Fairfax)



### Keep Fluorescent Bulbs Out of the Trash

Please remember to dispose of fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs properly like the hazardous waste they are.

Those bulbs contain mercury, which is hazardous even in small doses.

Please dispose of them at the I-66 Transfer Station (Hazardous Waste Disposal), 4618 West Ox Road; Twins Ace Hardware, 10310-B Main Street; and Home Depot, 3201 Old Lee Highway.

### Paper Shredding Events Scheduled

The Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual shredding day event from 9 a.m. to noon May 4 at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive. Donations benefit the volunteer fire department; 703-385-7877.

Fairfax County holds paper shredding events available free to city residents. The next one will be from 8 a.m. to noon May 11 at the Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean; 703-324-5052.

### Recycling, Disposal Information Available

Check out these flyers:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what, where and how items may be disposed of, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

For a copy, visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

**Contractors must  
dispose of all debris  
created. It will not be  
collected by city crews.**

**INFORMATION: 703-385-7837**



## Keep Pet Waste Out of City Streams, Storm Drains

Picking up pet waste is half the battle. Once pet owners have collected this waste from public areas (and all property that does not belong to them), they must dispose of it properly.

Please do not put such waste in storm drains or streams. Instead, put it in the trash or flush it down the toilet.

Dog waste adds harmful bacteria and nutrients to the streams that can be dangerous to humans, pets and wildlife. City storm drains lead to city streams, which ultimately drain into the Chesapeake Bay.

Pet waste that is not disposed of properly may wash into the nearby storm drains and into the local waterways. For information, call 703-385-7816.

## 'Electric Sunday' Offered May 19

City residents may recycle their electronics equipment from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 19 at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road.

Items accepted at this event include computers, televisions, fax machines, photocopy machines, VCRs, cell phones, scanners, calculators. Make sure to erase, reformat or remove computer hard drives before recycling.

Fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent bulbs also are accepted.

Electric Sundays are scheduled through the end of the year. For information, call 703-324-5052.

## Permits Required to Remove Some Trees

Before felling a tree, remember the Zoning Office requires a permit for removal of certain trees: namely, those five inches or more in caliper and measure six inches or more above ground level on property sized a half-acre or more. This applies to both residential and commercial properties, including office complexes and planned developments.

When determining lot size, take into account the size of the entire property, not just landscaped area where the tree is located. Some property lines may not be where they might seem to be, so contact the Zoning Office (703-385-7820, [zoning@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:zoning@fairfaxva.gov)) to confirm information before taking action.

Be sure to provide as much information as possible so the city can make an accurate determination.

## Ride of the Patriots is May 26; Affects Fairfax Boulevard Traffic

Join the Memorial Day celebrations May 26 with a hometown parade and the annual Ride of the Patriots.

This ride honors military and public safety personnel and is a staging area for Rolling Thunder, a national motorcycle event.

From 6:30-9:30 a.m. May 26, eastbound Fairfax Boulevard will be closed from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle to accommodate thousands of motorcycles expected to line up for the ride. During this time, westbound Fairfax Boulevard from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle will become a two-way street.

The parade will step off at 7:30 a.m.

on eastbound Fairfax Boulevard from Capt. Pell's Crab House near Plantation Parkway and will end at Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Boulevard.

Opening ceremonies begin at 8 a.m. at Patriot Harley-Davidson.

Beginning at 9 a.m., motorcycle riders will depart under police escort for the Pentagon.

Bleachers will be set up for spectators. Veterans groups will sell food and drinks on the route. Parking is available at Fairfax High School and the Fairfax Circle shopping center.

For information, visit [www.rideof-thepatriots.com](http://www.rideof-thepatriots.com) or call 703-352-5400.

## Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the single-family home or duplex built at least 15 years ago that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are

given for a 10-year period.

Improvements must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins*. For information, call 703-385-7840.

## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (two vacancies: mechanical/plumbing, fire protection representatives) — Hears appeals to the BOCA Code (Building Officials and Code Administrators) and makes recommendations to the state board of housing for changes or modifications to the building code.
- **Commission for Women** (one vacancy for city resident) — Identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the city. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
- **Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation** (one vacancy for city resident) — Heightens awareness of the need for donations.
- **Commission on the Arts** (one vacancy for city business representative) — Encourages and provides opportunities for artistic expression within the city. It is not necessary to be an artist to be on the commission; anyone with an interest may apply. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **George Mason University Fairfax Campus Advisory Board** (one Council designee position) — Identifies and promotes partnerships in support of joint university-community initiatives; provides advice and counsel to the university administration concerning community-university issues and relations; and addresses and resolves issues of community and university concern.
- **Northern Virginia Community College Board** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Provides local leadership and approves items to be recommended to the state community college board.
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Studies and makes recommendations to the City Council on park and recreation facilities and programs. Meets on the second Thursday of the month..

**Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.**



# MAY CABLE SCHEDULE

## The Fairfax Scene

Through May 14, experience the commemoration and re-enactment of Mosby's Raid on Fairfax Court House, held 150 years to the day from the actual event.

Beginning May 15, enjoy highlights from a Spotlight on the Arts Festival performance.

*The Fairfax Scene* plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily. Show are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

## City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Wednesday, May 1, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online May 2*

*Cox OnDEMAND replay begins May 5*  
Tuesday, May 14, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Wednesday, May 15, 10 am and following the Community/University Forum; and Friday, May 17, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday,

May 18 and Sunday, May 19, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online May 15*

*Cox OnDEMAND replay begins May 19*  
Tuesday, May 28, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Wednesday, May 29 and Friday, May 31, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online May 29*  
*Cox OnDEMAND replay begins June 2*

## School Board Meeting

Monday, May 6, 7:30 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, May 7, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Thursday, May 9, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online May 7*

## Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, May 13, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, May 14, 10 am;  
Thursday, May 16, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online May 14*

## Community/University Forum

Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 pm, LIVE  
replays: daily from Monday, May 20 through Monday, May 27, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online May 16*

## Encore!

Enjoy an encore musical performance at 4 pm daily.

## Watch Cityscreen-12 Online, OnDEMAND

View Cityscreen-12 at your convenience. On the Internet, the 24-hour bulletin board plays continuously and televised meetings and special programs are available live and are archived for later viewing. For information, visit the city's website.

City Council meetings and work sessions are available in the Cox Communications On DEMAND "Free Zone."

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.

## Proposed Agendas for City Council, School Board, Planning Commission

### City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

#### May 1 special meeting

- Public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2013-14 advertised real estate tax rate of \$1.08 per \$100 of assessed value, a 7¢ increase from the current city adopted rate of \$1.01.
- Public hearing on the City Manager's proposed FY 2013-2014 budget for the City of Fairfax.
- Consideration of an ordinance amending City Code to increase the water rate by 9.5 percent and the wastewater rate by 10 percent for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Consideration of an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a separate tax rate on such real property effective as of January 1, 2013, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax.
- Consideration to adopt the city manager's proposed FY 2013-2014 budget for the City of Fairfax.
- Discussion on traffic signal optimization.
- Consideration of adoption of City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14.

#### May 14 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearings: on a request to amend the *Comprehensive Plan* to extend the northern boundary of the Old Town Fairfax Transition Overlay District, and to rezone the 7.81-acre subject site from RM Multifamily to RPD(p), Residential Planned Development (with proffers) in support of multifamily attached development and to the Old Town Fairfax Transition Overlay District, on 10320-10340 Layton Hall Drive; on a request for a special use permit to

allow delivery for a business otherwise defined as a specialty food establishment and located at 9548-c Main Street; on a request for a special exception to allow a tenant sign to be located between the fourth and fifth floors of the building at 10305 Eaton Place (Willow Wood Plaza).

- Joint discussion with the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

#### May 28 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearings: on a request to rezone 3.87 acres of land from R-2 to PD on 10828 and 10825 Carol Street and 3601 and 3603 Jermantown Road; on a request for a special exception to reduce the required tree canopy coverage for the residence at 10512 Oak Place.
- Joint discussion with the Charter Commission.

### School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

#### May 6 regular meeting

- Recognition of VSBA Business Honor Roll Businesses.
- Presentations: by student representative; on the Lanier Middle School Bioretention Pond; city summer school plans.

#### May 20 work session

- Joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- End-of-year reports from School Board representatives to FCPS committees.

### Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

#### May 13 regular meeting

- Consideration of a subdivision at 4310 and 4320 Chain Bridge Road (for a residential development known as Johnson Crest).

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.



# CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

**March 26, 2013**

## Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code to expand a permit parking district along a portion of Forest Avenue to include 10314, 10315, 10316, and 10317 Forest Avenue.

## Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$536,000 to fund various projects approved by VDOT for engineering services and design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and construction.

## Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, 4-3, that the City Council advertise a proposed 2013 Real Estate Tax of \$1.08 per \$100 of assessed value. (*In favor: Mayor Silverthorne and Councilmembers Greenfield, Schmidt and Stombres; opposed: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond and Meyer.*)

**April 9, 2013**

## Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, Introduction of (1) an initial ordinance proposing

to grant a franchise to occupy and use the public rights-of-way of the city to provide electricity services within the city and authorizing the advertisement and receipt of bids for the franchise, and (2) a draft ordinance granting the franchise; Introduction of (1) an initial ordinance proposing to grant a franchise to occupy and use the public rights-of-way of the city to provide telecommunications services within the city and authorizing the advertisement and receipt of bids for the franchise, and (2) a draft ordinance granting the franchise; Introduction of an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a tax rate on such real property for the 2013 tax year, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax; Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code to increase the water rate by 9.5 percent and the wastewater rate by 10 percent; Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to real property tax exemptions, deferrals and freezes for certain elderly or disabled taxpayers.

## Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code to expand a permit parking district along Forest Avenue to include 10314, 10315, 10316, and 10317 Forest Avenue.
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution approving the terms and conditions of a mediated settlement agreement with Fairfax Water and Fairfax County under which city water customers will become retail customers of Fairfax Water, with an amendment.

## Comments by City Council

- Reappointed, unanimously, Gail Wade and Michael Choffel to the Fairfax Campus Advisory Board, each for a two-year term extending through January 11, 2015.
- Appointed, unanimously, Diane Tuininga to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board for the remainder of a three-year term extending through June 30, 2014.
- Appointed, unanimously, Mark Kelly, John Powderly and Monjia Belzaire to the Board of Building Code Appeals each for a five-year term extending through April 9, 2018.

*Council Reporters are condensed due to space constraints. For a complete copy, call 703-385-7935.*



## Watch Cityscreen-12 Programs, Televised Council Meetings, From Virtually Anywhere

As Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, continues providing excellent programming, remember: it isn't just for television anymore. The government access station is as mobile as its viewers.

Cityscreen-12 remains available on channel 12 on Cox Communications and Verizon cable systems. However, viewers also may watch Cityscreen-12 programs on their computers and mobile devices that have Internet access and play digital programming.

**Via mobile devices:** City meetings (including City Council and School Board meetings) and other

programs may be downloaded as podcasts for later viewing. Files are available as audio (MP3) podcasts and video (MP4) podcasts. Visit the city's website for a complete list of downloadable programs.

**Via Internet:** Tune into Cityscreen-12 wherever there is Internet access to watch the station's live feed, including the 24-hour bulletin board, or to view archived programs. From the city's home page, simply click on the Cityscreen-12 logo or on "Meeting Video & Documentation." Sign up for RSS feeds on Cityscreen-12's Web page to receive alerts when new material is posted.

**Via television:** In addition to

watching programs live and replayed (see page 5 for the schedule), viewers also may borrow — or, in some cases, purchase — programs on DVD or VHS for home viewing. Additionally, television viewers may record the program for private viewing.



The channel's 24-hour bulletin board provides information city events, programs, board and commission vacancies, recreation classes, services and more. Cityscreen-12 is an important source during emergencies, with late-breaking news and information.

For information, call 703-385-7803.



# City of Fairfax Community Calendar

# May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Helpful Phone Numbers</b> City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		<b>Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts continues through May 6.</b> <b>For a complete schedule of events, visit <a href="http://www.fairfaxspotlight.org">www.fairfaxspotlight.org</a> or call 703-352-ARTS.</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>▶12</b> City Council special meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>2</b>  Parks and Recreation Department strategic plan workshop, 6 pm, Providence Elementary School Fairfax City Democratic meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>3</b>  Parks and Recreation Department strategic plan workshop, 6 pm, Old Town Fairfax, 10389 Main Street Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>4</b>  CASA's Run for the Children, 8:30 am, Fairfax Courthouse (traffic detours in effect during event) Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department Document Shredding Day, 9 am to noon, Fire Station 3
<b>5</b>  <b>Farmers Markets begin May 11 and May 12 on:</b> • <b>Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm</b> • <b>Sunday: 10 am to 2 pm</b> <b>Both are held in the lot at West and Main streets.</b> <b>Information:</b> <b><a href="http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com">www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com</a>, 703-430-6164</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>▶12</b> Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Environmental Sustainability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>7</b> English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>8</b> League of Women Voters meeting, 6:15 pm, Yen Cheng Restaurant, 9992 Main Street Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim	<b>9</b> <b>Guided tours of the city's historic Ratcliffe-Allison House are offered from 11 am to 2 pm Saturdays through October 26.</b> <b>Information:</b> <b><a href="http://www.fairfaxva.gov">www.fairfaxva.gov</a>, 703-385-8414.</b>	<b>10</b> Mother-Son Camp Out, 5 pm, Van Dyck Park Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>Parental Guidance</i> , 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center (food donations accepted) Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>11</b> SafeAssured ID Kit, 10 am to 4 pm, City Police Station Old Town Fairfax Guided Tours, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free dance lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Community Center
<b>12</b> Second Sunday Series: <i>Women's Fashions of the Civil War Era</i> , 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center <i>Hello, Dolly!</i> , 2 pm, Fairfax High School	<b>13</b> <b>▶12</b> Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>14</b> <b>▶12</b> City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Evenings Under the Stars, 7:30 pm, George Mason University Observatory	<b>15</b> <b>▶12</b> Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, 4031 University Drive Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex University and Community Forum, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>16</b> Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex <i>Medicare 101</i> , 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library <i>Compost Happens</i> , 7 pm, Green Acres Center	<b>17</b> <i>Bike to Work Day — city pitstop at Main Street Marketplace</i> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>18</b> Antique Car Show, 10 am to 3 pm, 10455 Armstrong Street (in front of City Hall)
<b>19</b> Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road Northern Virginia Youth Winds: <i>Spring Concert</i> , 3 pm, Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road	<b>20</b> Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session and joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 pm, Fairfax High School	<b>21</b> Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	<b>22</b> <b>If you need a copy of your Virginia birth certificate, contact the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Vital Records: <a href="http://www.vdh.state.va.us/vital_records/">http://www.vdh.state.va.us/vital_records/</a>, 804-662-6200.</b>	<b>23</b> Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>24</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>25</b> <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i>
<b>26</b> <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i> Ride of the Patriots event, 6:30-9:30 am, Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Boulevard	<b>27</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Trash and recyclables not collected</i> City government offices closed; General District Court closed; CUE Bus on a Saturday schedule; Fairfax Museum open <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i>	<b>28</b> <b>▶12</b> <i>Monday and Tuesday trash and recyclables collected</i> <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i> City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>29</b> <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i>	<b>Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit <a href="http://today.gmu.edu">today.gmu.edu</a> or call 703-993-1056.</b>

# ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

## **Sherwood Cinema Series Continues May 10; Food Donations Accepted**

Catch *Parental Guidance* for free at 7 p.m. May 10 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

## **Mother-Son Camp Out Set for May 10**

Boys age 5-11 and their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, older sisters and other adult female relatives/guardians may attend the Mother-Son Camp Out May 10 in Van Dyck Park, 3730 Old Lee Highway. Cost is \$25 per person. Registration deadline is May 6. For information, call 703-385-7949.

## **Guided Walking History Tours Begin May 11**

Discover Fairfax history on foot with a guided tour of Old Town Fairfax. Tours step off at 11 a.m. from the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street, on May 11, June 15, July 27, August 24, September 14 and October 26. Cost is \$5 per adult or \$15 per family. For information, call 703-385-8414.

## **Ratcliffe-Allison House Tours Offered Saturdays**

Take a free tour of the city's oldest residence — the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street — from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October.

Tours also may be scheduled in advance; call 703-385-8414.

## **Local Pools Offer Memberships**

The city may not have a municipal pool, but that shouldn't keep people out of the water — there are a number of local pools from which residents may choose.

Check out these nearby options. Please note: memberships and fees may apply.

- Country Club Hills Swimming Pool, 3622 Old Post Road ([www.cchpool.com](http://www.cchpool.com))
- Fairfax Swimming Pool, 4200 Roberts Road ([www.fairfaxpool.com](http://www.fairfaxpool.com))
- George Mason University Aquatic Center, 4400 University Drive ([recreation.gmu.edu/aquatics](http://recreation.gmu.edu/aquatics))
- Mosby Woods Swimming Pool, 3136 Plantation Parkway ([www.mosbywoodspool.com](http://www.mosbywoodspool.com))
- Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/omrec.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/omrec.htm))

## **Convertibles, Drivers, Volunteers Sought for Parade July 4**

The city seeks convertibles with drivers to drive dignitaries along the parade route at the Independence Day Parade in Old Town Fairfax July 4.

The city also seeks volunteers to help with many other aspects of the parade and other events of the day.

For information, call 703-385-7858.

## **Volunteer Sought for Huddleson Library**

The City of Fairfax has a hidden gem in Old Town Hall: Huddleson Memorial Library, which houses thousands of books (including an impressive mystery collection) available for loan by city residents.

The library has not featured operating hours since its longtime volunteer librarian retired in recent years.

However, volunteers are sought to reopen the library (hours to be determined). For information, call 703-385-7947.

**Check out *Leisure Times*  
for classes, trips, activities,  
special events and more!**

**For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).**



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